



Flu Season is upon us! Begin now to take advantage of each office visit as an opportunity to talk with your patients about the flu virus and their risks for complications associated with the flu, and encourage them to get their flu shot. And don't forget, health care professionals need to protect themselves also. **Get Your Flu Shot. – Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends.** Remember - Influenza vaccination is a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf> on the CMS website.

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Holding of Pancreas Transplant Alone (PA) Claims - Amendment to *MLN Matters* Article MM5093

Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) or A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for PA services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Key Points

- The held PA claims, described above, **will not process correctly** through the claims processing system beginning on October 2, 2006.
- **Until further notice, PA claims will be held.** Once the PA claims may be released for processing you will be notified.

Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing this Special Edition (SE) article to amend a prior notice to providers on May 19, 2006, Change Request (CR) 5093 (see *Additional Information* section for the web address). That prior notice announced that PA claims for discharges on or after April 26, 2006 through September 30, 2006, would be held until further notice. The PA claims **were scheduled** to be released October 2, 2006.

Additional Information

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If you have questions, please contact your Medicare FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

The MLN Matters article on CR 5093 may be found at:

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